

RECALL OF TROOPS IS FAVORED

Consul Garcia Believed to Voice Sentiment
of Carranza in Suggesting Withdrawal
of American Forces from
Mexican Chase

NO WORD RECEIVED FROM GEN. PERSHING

Unable to Find Trace of Villa; Reinforce-
ments and Better Transportation
Required to Prosecute Man
Hunt to Finish

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., April 6.—Consul Garcia declared today that he favored the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico. It is believed here that the views that he expressed reflect those of the Carranza government. Garcia stated that the further advance of the American troops might precipitate trouble. "The purpose of the expedition has been achieved in my opinion," said he. "It is not necessary to capture Villa himself, whose power has been broken and whose followers have been scattered. There is no necessity for the American army pursuing the campaign further."

Not Mind Reader.
By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., April 6.—"I can't read the minds of the men in Washington," was Gen. Funston's response to a question today as to whether there was any truth in the reported probability of the withdrawal of the Mexican expedition with its object unaccomplished.

Transportation Inadequate.
By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., April 6.—Military men here declare the present transportation facilities for the army in Mexico inadequate and that the problem may become acute if the expedition continues to proceed south. Motor trucks are unable to supply the demands, Gen. Funston has been advised.

Order Countermanded.
By United Press.
Washington, April 6.—On the request of Gen. Funston, the war department countermanded the order for a battery of the Fourth field artillery to leave Brownsville for Panama.

By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., April 6.—The complete absence of any word from the front up to this morning indicated to local army officers that the bulk of the expeditionary force was still combing the Guerrero district, that they have been utterly unable to find any trace of Villa and that no movement southward in force is yet under way.

Members of Funston's staff intimated that the successful prosecution of the man hunt was dependent upon the arrival of reinforcements and improved facilities for transporting supplies to the troops. They expressed confidence that the necessary aid will be given.

Long Stay Predicted.
By United Press.
Field Headquarters of U. S. Army, Mexico.—(via aeroplane and wireless.)—Unless an unexpected stroke places Villa into the hands of American or Carranzista forces, a long stay in Mexico is predicted by officers at the headquarters of Gen. Pershing.

Experience of Aviator.
Columbus, N. M., April 6.—Listen to Lieut. Thos. L. Bowen of the United States army aviation corps, who has reached Columbus after falling 100 feet with an aeroplane in an adventurous flight over the Mexican desert. "I thought I was a sure goner when I started falling—but I relaxed all my muscles and I guess that saved me. I kept trying to right the machine, and I must have been about 100 feet up when I was still conscious of trying to right it."

"I don't remember hitting the ground. I woke up in the field hospital. Coming down, I could see big rocks

and hills and felt being whisked toward me, at a terrible rate—but, I wasn't a bit afraid. I'm not boasting, either.

"I was scared a little earlier on the same trip—shortly before I fell.

"I was flying about 3,000 feet up—that is, 10,000 feet above sea level—when my motor went dead, two miles from camp.

"I managed to get the machine to earth without being hurt. There wasn't a soul in sight when I landed, in the midst of a great flat plain. I started tinkering with the machine. I heard a noise. I looked up.

"Mexicans must have sprung from the ground—I was surrounded by a hundred of them! When I saw them, many began shaking their fists and raved; some fired their rifles, but it must have been in the air.

"Scared? But I kept on at work—and I didn't let them see I was scared. If I hadn't been an army man—or if I had shown a sign of fear—good night!

"I finally got the machine working (Continued on Page Three.)

NO HASTE TO MAKE PURCHASE

Mayor Coffman stated this morning that the city council would not meet in called session to act upon the matter of purchase of motor fire equipment by the city, as authorized by the voters at the polls at Tuesday's election.

The matter, the mayor said, would come up in its regular order at the next regular meeting of the council, on the evening of Thursday, April 13.

The council will not act hastily, Mr. Coffman said, in the matter, but will endeavor to carry out the wishes of the voters as near the letter as may possibly be. "We are not going to buy the first piece of machinery which comes along," said Mr. Coffman, "regardless of cost, but we are going to investigate the different kinds of apparatus and buy that which will be found to be the best and the most economical."

ROOSEVELT TO ENTER

By United Press.
New York, April 6.—A statement issued by Theodore Roosevelt, outlining the platform which he desires adopted at the Chicago convention is believed to forecast his advent into the field as an active candidate.

The early issuance of a formal announcement of his candidacy for the presidential nomination is expected by politicians.

MISSOURI G. O. P. HOLD CONVENTION

By United Press.
Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 6.—When the Missouri Republicans met in state convention here today to select four delegates at large to the National convention in Chicago, one of the biggest fights in the history of the state organization was to be decided. The fight is on the selection of the Missouri national committeeman. The forces of Jacob Babier of St. Louis, chairman of the state committee, were pitted against the Herbert S. Hadley faction. Babier's support, if he decides at the last minute to seek the national committeemanship, will go to Thomas K. Neidringhaus, present incumbent. Hadley is backing Jesse Tolerton.

A "Hadley for vice president" boom also was started. It was thought an effort would be made before the convention to rush through an endorsement for Walter S. Dickey, of Kansas City, who has senatorial aspirations. All delegates will go to Chicago unimpaired but the majority favor Senator Weeks and Charles W. Fairbanks.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

Miss Mabel Linda, of the county judge's office, this morning issued a marriage license to C. A. Heister, aged 28, and Miss May Whitley, aged 20, both of Chickasha.

ZEPPELIN BROUGHT DOWN BY FRENCH GUNNERS



This is the first photograph to arrive in this country showing the Zeppelin L-77, which was wrecked by French gunners at Brabant Le Roy.

SEEK WRIT TO COMPEL CO. BOARD

Attorneys Ask Court to Require Commissioners to Certify Certain Judgments to County Excise Board; Assert Claims Valid

Suit was filed in the district court today by Attorneys Bond and Melton in which it is sought to mandamus the county commissioners requiring them to certify to the county excise board, when it meets in June, 1916, certain judgments against the county in order that the excise board may order a tax levy to raise the money necessary to pay off and settle the said judgments.

The style of the suit is "Laura Miller, W. V. Alexander, Mattie Peland, M. E. Sarris, Lillian M. Boyd, Julia Smith, Lillie Isherwood, Albert Dixon, Alice Locke, Maggie Steele, Cleo Simmons, Fred Simmons, Willie V. L. Smith, Mattie Brannum, James Arlington, Thelma Matthews, Bruce Walshall, Arthur Lee Schrock and William Arlington vs. J. A. Robinson, W. E. Bryant and J. A. Corzine, commissioners of Grady county, Oklahoma."

The petition sets forth that during the month of October, 1914, the plaintiffs severally obtained judgments against Grady county, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent from May, 1914. The judgments thus obtained by the several plaintiffs, approximate a total of \$12,216.66, the heaviest judgment being in the sum of \$158.29, and the smallest amounting to \$12.77.

Petitioners allege that it is the duty of the defendants, as the members of the board of commissioners of Grady county, to certify to the excise board of the county the amount of the judgments in order that the said excise board may be enabled to make a levy of taxes which will permit the payment by the county of the joint judgments.

Petitioners further allege these judgments are in full force and effect; that the board of county commissioners, during the year 1915, failed and refused to certify the amount of the judgments to the excise board at its June, 1915, meeting; that the defendants have stated that they will not certify the above to the board; that defendants allege the judgments to be invalid; that Grady county filed in the district court an application to vacate these judgments; that this application was by the court denied; that the county perfected an appeal from the findings of the district court to the supreme court; that the appeal was dismissed in February, 1916, for want of jurisdiction of the appellate court; that judgments are each valid, wherefore the petitioners pray that the court will grant a peremptory writ of mandamus requiring the defendants to certify the amounts of the judgments to the excise board at the meeting of that board in June in order that the excise board may make the tax levy necessary to raise the money with which to satisfy the same.

Copies of the judgments and of the

BURLESQUE POSTPONED

The faculty burlesque at the O. C. W. has been postponed till Tuesday evening, April 11, at 8 o'clock. An official announcement issued today by the high authorities in charge says:

"Come and watch us hold the mirror up to nature. Have you ever laughed? Yea? Then come and laugh more. Have you never laughed? No? Then come learn how."

"You will go with the college faculty through one strenuous day—from 7:45 a. m. to 11 p. m. There will be side splitting specialties—and an interesting epilogue. Do not fail to come. You will enjoy it, and your dime will help the Y. W. C. A."

SITE TO BE SELECTED

The school board of Chickasha will meet tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of selecting a site for the junior high school building and to pass upon such other matters as may come before it.

It is understood, according to statements given out this morning by Al. Ger Melton, of the school board, that three and possibly four possible sites will be proposed to the board for its consideration at tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Melton stated that none knew where the selection would fall, but that the site chosen would be centrally located from the viewpoint of the school population of the city. Mr. Melton further stated that he thought there would be little if any doubt of notice of the official approval of the bonds by the attorney general being in the hands of the board at the hour of the meeting.

NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT

In the matter of the State of Oklahoma vs. Mary Hanson, tried in Judge Fuller's court this morning, a verdict of not guilty was brought in by the jury and the defendant ordered discharged from custody.

In this case the defendant and the prosecuting witness, Arizona Smith, were negroes and the defendant was alleged to have sought to mar the beauty of the prosecuting witness, on March 20, 1916, by striking her across her features with a club.

Oscar Simpson appeared for the defendant and secured her acquittal, urging the unwritten law in that the prosecuting witness had sought to lure the husband of the defendant away from his home and fireside.

The state was represented by Allan K. Swan, assistant county attorney. The following jurors tried the case: B. H. Gadd, Jim Shepard, Oscar Chapel, H. M. Schwartz, A. C. Ayres and Tom Moore.

Courts' rulings are made a part of the pleadings in the case.

TAX CLAIMS TAKEN UP BY BOARD

Correction of Errors in Assessment Begun in Conjunction with County Treasurer; Working to Wind Up Session Today

The county commissioners, acting with Treasurer Mullican, this morning took up the matter of all erroneous tax assessments in Grady county for the past year and are working hard in an effort to dispose of these matters and reach an adjournment this afternoon. Between 50 and 60 claims of errors in assessment, of different kinds are on file with the board and being considered today.

Some of the claims which seek the elimination from the tax rolls of certain properties, are based upon duplicate assessments, while other claims allege that the assessments have been made on lands not subject to taxation.

In all matters where refunds are asked, action is being deferred on account of no funds available until after July 1st.

It is barely possible that the board may advance with this work sufficient to adjourn this evening for the term.

A communication was received and filed from the Acme Cement company. This statement sets forth that the cement people have desisted, as per request of the board of commissioners, from removing the stone, etc. from the county road at their plant pending the action of the board following a report on the matter from the county engineer.

An order was made—allowing Mrs. Woods \$10 per month, payable in monthly payments and dating from April 1st.

R. L. Russell appeared before the board and stated that he had lost or destroyed a county warrant in the sum of \$18.40 and asked that a duplicate be issued him. The board instructed County Clerk Bradley to issue the duplicate.

Commissioner Robinson instructed to check up the work of the addition to the county court house and report his findings to the board at its next regular meeting. The final payment to be made for this work to the contractor, O. Coffman, amounts to \$471.

MATCH PRICES SOARING

ON ACCOUNT OF WAR
St. Paul, Minn., April 6.—Rubbing sticks again may become the world's way of making fire. The price of matches is soaring. Soon boxes selling for a penny may be bringing ten cents. This was the declaration today of T. E. Tucker, match manufacturer of Chicago, who says that of 37 chemicals used in making matches, the majority are imported from foreign countries, now at war and cannot be gotten.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Friday, occasional rain.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 52; minimum, 44.

ARMY DESERTION ALLEGED

According to information received at police headquarters, the United States government is anxious to discover the whereabouts of one Jack Clarence Alden, alleged to have deserted from a United States training ship at Puget Sound, March 24, 1916. Alden was graded as a coal passer and is said to have enlisted at Kansas City March 10, 1916. He gave his place of residence at the time of enlistment, as Amber, Oklahoma. The information states that Alden has a sister living in Amber.

DEFENSE OF COASTS IS PROPOSED

By United Press.
Washington, April 6.—The biggest appropriation bill for coast defenses and fortifications in the history of the American congress was introduced in the house today by Representative Shirley of Kentucky.

The bill calls for nearly twenty-two millions for fortifications, submarine mines, field artillery and ammunition.

In addition to sums for these purposes, the bill would authorize contracts for more than twelve millions. The construction of six sixteen inch guns is provided for at New York and four of the same kind would be constructed at Cape Henry.

ASSAILANT ARRESTED

By United Press.
Dallas, Texas, April 6.—The negro highway man who robbed and probably fatally slugged J. C. Bowling was arrested today and identified.

AGED MAN MURDERED

By United Press.
Dallas, Tex., April 6.—W. H. Humphreys, aged 77, was beaten to death with a club and his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Trower, a widow, aged 45, was probably fatally clubbed by a supposed robber last night.

The crime was committed at Lisbon, seven miles south of Dallas, where the couple conducted a store, living in the rear of it. The sheriff is attempting to secure bloodhounds from Fort Worth to track the murderer.

SOCIAL INSURANCE TO BE CONSIDERED

By United Press.
Washington, April 6.—A mammoth insurance fund, to draw from which the only requirements are that one is ill, too old to work or honestly can't get a job, is under consideration by the house labor committee today.

Representative Meyer of London, New York Socialist, is sponsor for the fund. He wants it to guarantee workmen against unemployment.

Mr. London's proposal, the first of its kind that has been considered by a congressional committee, instructs the president to appoint a commission of two organized labor representatives, with the secretary of labor as chairman.

The commission is to draft a general social insurance act along the lines indicated and report within a year to the president a plan to reduce unemployment by furnishing work on public improvements and developing natural resources on public lands. This, London's resolution says, would reduce the calls on the fund.

Dr. I. M. Rubinow, of New York, author of a book on Social Insurance, was an early witness before the committee at its opening session today.

ADVANCE OF GERMANS ADMITTED

Reach Village of Hancourt in Series of Night Assaults Northwest of Verdun; Attacks Against Bethincourt are Repulsed

FIFTH ZEP RAID ON ENGLAND IN WEEK

One Killed and Eight Wounded by Aerial Invaders; Forty-Eight Lives Lost When Steamer Destroyed; Sussex Evidence Arrives

By United Press.
Berlin, April 6.—It was announced today that the Germans had captured the village of Hancourt and five hundred prisoners there. The capture of a French position east of the village was also reported.

French Report.

Paris, April 6.—The French war office, in the statement issued today, admitted that the Germans reached the village of Hancourt last night in a series of assaults on the northwest Verdun front.

It was declared, however, that the attacks of the Teutons against the village of Bethincourt were repulsed by the French troops.

Fifth Zepp Raid

By United Press.
London, April 6.—One person was killed and eight injured in a Zeppelin raid on England last night. This was the fifth raid of the kind during the past week.

Three dirigibles participated in the raid and it is claimed that one of them was hit by fire from British anti-aircraft guns.

Forty-eight bombs were dropped by the invaders. The Berlin official statement claimed that the bombs destroyed iron works and blast furnaces at Whitby.

By United Press.

London, April 6.—Reports coming from Paris today tell of a heavy concentration of German troops on the west bank of the Meuse and the resumption of the German bombardment on the east bank of the same river.

Dispatches assert that the Teutons are stripping their lines elsewhere in order to throw new forces into action around Vaux.

By United Press.

Havre, April 6.—A Norwegian steamer was sunk in the English channel, with the loss of four lives, according to reports today.

48 Lives Lost.

By United Press.
London, April 6.—Forty-eight lives were lost when the British liner Zeut was torpedoed without warning, it was announced today.

The captain and ten survivors of the crew of the vessel were landed at Queenstown.

Evidence of Torpedo.

By United Press.
Washington, April 6.—American embassy attaches who examined pieces of metal that were found in the wreckage of the steamer Sussex reported to the state department today that they were fragments of a German torpedo.

Secretary Lansing immediately asked the president for an appointment and the latter set 2 o'clock as the time for the conference.

A graphic account of the wreck of the British channel steamer Sussex with the assertion that the vessel was torpedoed deliberately and without warning by an enemy submarine is contained in a report by Rear Admiral Grasset to the French general staff made public here Wednesday night by the French embassy.

The report says that captain, second officer and deck officer distinctly saw the torpedo as well as several passengers, one of them telling his neighbor to "look at that great fish swimming toward the ship."

Because of the outlines of the boat,

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